

**Yogananda D. Pittman**  
**Acting Chief of Police**

Assistant Chief Pittman was designated as Acting Chief of Police on January 8, 2021, by Capitol Police Board Order 21.04.

Prior to this appointment, she had been serving as Assistant Chief for Protective and Intelligence Operations since October 2019. In that role, she was responsible for all operations concerning the safety and security of the U.S. Capitol, Members of Congress, staff and visitors to include threat detection and prevention as well as the physical security systems throughout the Capitol Complex. Prior to her promotion to Assistant Chief, she was named Deputy Chief and Bureau Commander for the Command and Coordination Bureau in June 2018. In that role she was responsible for the supervision of personnel and the management of key operations within the Department including the Command Center, communications/dispatch, court liaison, reports processing, emergency planning, and special events.

Acting Chief Pittman joined the USCP and entered the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Academy in Glynco, Georgia; graduating in September 2001. Her first USCP assignment was in the Senate Division where she provided security and protective details for U.S. Senators and visiting dignitaries. In 2006, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the Department's Communications Division. In January 2010, she was promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned to the House Division where she supervised 142 officers, 10 supervisors, and several civilian employees.

In 2012, Acting Chief Pittman was one of the first African-American female supervisors to attain the rank of Captain. While serving as Captain, she was assigned to the Capitol Division where she supervised more than 400 officers and civilians, and led the efforts to provide the security footprint for the 2013 Presidential Inauguration. Captain Pittman served as the sworn personnel lead representative/negotiator during the Department's 2013 contract negotiations on the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement. In December 2015, Acting Chief Pittman was promoted to Inspector, and was assigned to the Office of Accountability and Improvement where she was the Chief of Police's designee in responding to all of the Department's civilian and sworn disciplinary appeals and grievances.

A native of Cambridge, Maryland, Acting Chief Pittman graduated from Morgan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 1999. She earned her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Marist College in

Poughkeepsie, New York, in May 2019. She is currently working toward her Ph.D. in Public Administration from West Chester University.

Acting Chief Pittman completed the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in December 2018, and graduated from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives' CEO Mentoring Program in July 2018. She is a member of Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE), the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Incorporated.